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E.O. 12356: 20 YEARS  
TAGS: PGOV, PREL, PINS, RW, FR, CH  
SUBJECT: FRENCH AND CHINESE DISCOMFITED  
BY HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH REPORT ON ARMS

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2. THE FRENCH AND CHINESE EMBASSIES HERE ARE MOST  
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RIGHTS WATCH REPORT ON ILLEGAL ARMS SHIPMENT TO THE EX-FAR. REFTTEL REPORTS CALL ON CHARGE BY FRENCH POLITICAL COUNSELOR MAY 30, IN WHICH HE FRETTE ABOUT HIS LACK OF ACCESS TO THE GOR AND WORRIED OF REPRISALS AGAINST HIS EMBASSY. LATE AFTERNOON MAY 31 THE CHINESE FIRST SECRETARY, YAO LIQING, CALLED TO ASK FOR AN "URGENT" MEETING IMMEDIATELY. HIS AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN CONVOKED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, CONFRONTED WITH EXTRACTS FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH REPORT, AND TOLD THAT THE GOR EXPECTS AN INVESTIGATION OF THE CHARGES. YAO WAS LOOKING FOR A COPY OF THE REPORT; WE HAD NONE TO PASS ON.

3. THE BELGIANS, MOST OF THE TIME EXTREMELY STAND-OFFISH, HAVE NOT MADE A FORMAL CALL ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH REPORT, BUT THEIR "SECURITY CHIEF," (FNU) THERASSE, A SERVING LT. COL. IN THE BELGIAN ARMED FORCES, MENTIONED THE REPORT AS IF IN PASSING IN A ROUTINE CALL ON THE DATT MAY 31. ACCORDING TO THE DATT, THERASSE DID NOT SEEM SURPRISED BY THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT. ON THE CONTRARY, HE SEEMED TO FIND THE FRENCH EMBASSY'S PREDICAMENT RATHER AMUSING.

4. RADIO RWANDA HAS BEEN PLAYING THE STORY ALMOST FULL TIME, BLAMING MOSTLY THE FRENCH AND ZAIRIANS, BUT MENTIONING THE PERFIDY OF THE CHINESE, BELGIANS, AND SOUTH AFRICANS WITH EQUAL GUSTO. WHALEY

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